



# HUDLines

## HUD's Region III e-News Brief



The Fall 2021 Edition of HUDLines, HUD's Region III e-News Brief, provides you with a snapshot of what's new in the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development's Mid-Atlantic region. You'll find updates on HUD activities in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. So, read on to find the latest stories and announcements on housing and community development initiatives throughout the region.



## Increasing the Nation's Affordable Housing

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# A Message from the Deputy Regional Administrator



**W**elcome to Fiscal Year 2022. I'm anticipating this year will be even more productive at HUD, giving us opportunities to level up our work and effectiveness for those we serve.

The men and women of the Office of Field Policy and Management (FPM) are often the public's first contact with the Department, addressing questions daily about HUD's programs and initiatives. More than 3,000 inquiries from HUD-assisted residents and the public were received in the region over the past year. Thank you to everyone involved in helping us respond from my FPM team to my colleagues in the various offices across the agency. One thing is certain, we all understand and appreciate just how important it is to have a safe and stable place to call home, especially now during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

In September, my office distributed news widely to our regional partners and stakeholders on the measures we have taken to safeguard renters and FHA homeowners from losing their homes. Secretary Marcia L. Fudge has pledged that we will continue to use every tool at our disposal to protect those people whose health and well-being may be in jeopardy.

With each funding announcement and effort aimed at uplifting vulnerable populations, increasing affordable housing and decreasing homelessness—such as the newly launched House America initiative—HUD is making meaningful strides in helping our communities build back better from the pandemic.

*Jane E. Miller*  
Deputy Regional Administrator

# AROUND THE REGION

## With Secretary Marcia L. Fudge



Lanham, Md.

### Building Back Better



Alexandria, Va.

#### THE SPIRE

Building Affordable Home  
& Community Together

- Public-private-faith based partnership
- Transit-oriented location
- Access to university, shopping and jobs
- Universal design
- Earthcraft Gold
- Resident Services
- Community and exercise rooms, and landscaped courtyard



Philadelphia, Pa.



Philadelphia, Pa.

Alongside elected officials, partners and HUD-assisted residents, HUD Secretary Marcia L. Fudge made several trips to the region to amplify the Biden-Harris Administration's Build Back Better agenda. On August 6, she toured the Residences at Glenarden Hills in Lanham, Md., and held a roundtable. On August 13, she toured the Spire, a brand new affordable apartment community in Alexandria, Va. On September 1 in [Philadelphia](#), Pa., she [announced](#) steps underway to increase the supply of affordable housing across the nation, then returned on October 27 to celebrate the completion of Philly's North Central [neighborhood revitalization](#).

# AROUND THE REGION

## With Deputy Secretary Adrienne Todman



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I had a great time today in Baltimore—my first in-person trip as HUD Deputy Secretary!

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Visiting Health Care for the Homeless in Baltimore, Md.

On September 24, HUD Deputy Secretary Adrienne Todman traveled to Baltimore, Md., to participate in the [groundbreaking and ribbon cutting](#) celebration for the first two new apartment buildings in the Perkins Somerset Oldtown Choice Neighborhoods Transformation Plan. She later toured Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) with President and CEO Kevin Lindamood, along with HUD's Baltimore Field Office Director Carol Payne and Community Planning and Development Director Charlie Halm. HCH receives funding through HUD's Continuum of Care program.

# AROUND THE REGION

With State and Local Partners

"This purpose-built community will accelerate the development of safe, affordable housing for hundreds of Delaware families, and help rebuild a Wilmington community that has been hard hit by the COVID-19 crisis. That's exactly how these American Rescue Plan funds are meant to be used," said [Governor Carney](#).



**Delaware Governor John Carney announced American Rescue Plan funding on October 4 that will accelerate housing construction in northeast Wilmington—nearly 350 homes in two years.**



**Breaking ground on the Larimer/East Liberty Choice Neighborhoods Initiative in [Pittsburgh, Pa.](#)**



**Renovating and revitalizing affordable housing in [Richmond, Va.](#)**



**Offering COVID-19 vaccines and education in Williamson, W.Va., at the annual block party.**



**Breaking ground on Sensery Place, a senior affordable housing project in [Winchester, Va.](#)**

# THE LAUNCH OF HOUSE AMERICA

An All-Hands-on-Deck Effort to Address the Nation's Homelessness Crisis

On September 20, HUD Secretary Marcia L. Fudge, who serves as chair of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, partnered with state and local officials to launch House America. The initiative is a national partnership aimed at using the historic investments provided through the American Rescue Plan to address the crisis of homelessness through a Housing First approach by immediately re-housing and building additional housing for people experiencing homelessness.

Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney and District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser are among the first cohort of 25 state and local leaders to support the initiative. Through the American Rescue Plan, the District of Columbia received 707 emergency housing vouchers and Philadelphia received 863. The District was awarded \$19 million in HOME Investment Partnerships funding while Philadelphia was allocated \$42 million.



**House America Launch Webcast**



## House America

[www.hud.gov/house\\_america](http://www.hud.gov/house_america)

Partner with HUD Mid-Atlantic to address homelessness in your community. [Learn how.](#)

# CONNECTIONS

Connecting  
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the region



**Richard Cho, PhD (조세형)** @Richard\_S\_Cho · Sep 30

My grandma lived her last 15 years in @HUDgov senior housing w/ caregiving services so she could live independently to age 95. Her experience there inspired me to do the work I do to connect housing & services. #BuildBackBetter will give that to so many more older Americans.



HUD Senior Advisor, Washington, D.C.



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**Brandon M. Scott** @MayorBMScott · Sep 24

Was glad to welcome @HUDgov Deputy Secretary Adrienne Todman to Baltimore today. Housing security is a right for all and I am proud to have the support of @POTUS Biden's Administration as we continue this crucial work.



Baltimore, Md.

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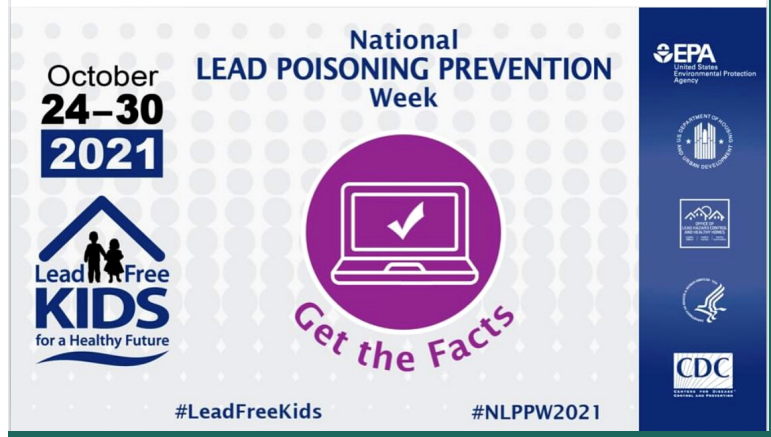
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It's National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week. Each year, HUD, the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#) and @CDC collaborate on this important national outreach effort, highlighting the many ways to reduce children's exposure to lead to help families and communities prevent its serious health effects.

Register for one of our educational webinars to increase your awareness. <http://ow.ly/Pnd750GuyTT>

#NLPPW2021 #LeadFreeKids



## West Virginia Human Rights Commission

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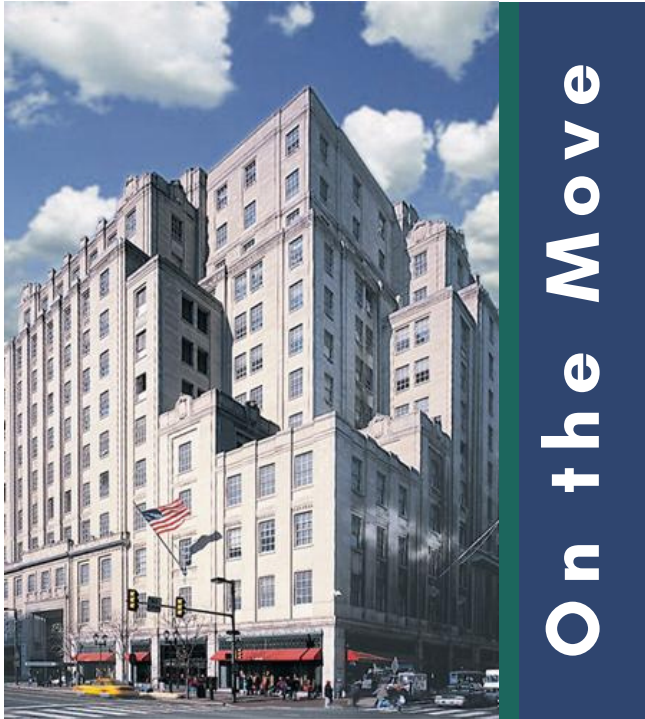
Denying someone housing because of a disability is illegal. If you or someone you know believe you are a victim of housing discrimination, contact the [West Virginia Human Rights Commission](#): complete an online form at [hrc.wv.gov](http://hrc.wv.gov) or call 1-888-676-5546.

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# IN THE LOOP: REGIONAL NEWS

## HUD's Philadelphia Regional Office Moves to New Office Space



HUD's Philadelphia Regional Office is in the process of completing its move to new office space in the Strawbridge Building at 801 Market Street. The 15-year, 10-year firm term lease saves HUD and the American taxpayer money, contributing nearly \$37 million to GSA's lease cost avoidance plan. The plan focuses on replacing expiring leases with longer firm term leases that have improved utilization. [Learn more.](#)

## Settlement Reached with Berks County Organization

The Berks County Coalition to End Homelessness will pay \$121,655 to resolve False Claims Act allegations that it illegally double-billed HUD for renovations performed on a property located in Reading, Pa. [Learn more.](#)

## \$5.4 Million Awarded to Fight Housing Discrimination

HUD has awarded a total of \$5.4 million to fair housing organizations in the region to address violations of the Fair Housing Act and to help end housing discrimination. Delaware, the District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia have all received Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) funding. [Learn more.](#)

## \$1.2 Million Awarded to Public Housing Authorities

Nearly \$250,000 was awarded to the Wilmington Housing Authority in Delaware and a total of \$1 million to five public housing authorities (PHAs) in Pennsylvania. These Emergency Safety and Security Grants will help PHAs make needed capital improvements in public housing developments. Mayor Thaddeus Kirkland in Chester, Pa., participated in the announcement. "These grants will go a long way in providing our Chester Housing Authority residents with a better sense of safety and security. Something that they desire and deserve." [Learn more.](#)

## Disaster Assistance Offered to Pennsylvania, Delaware

Due to the remnants of Hurricane Ida, President Biden issued major disaster declarations for several Pennsylvania counties and New Castle County, Delaware, making available HUD assistance announced on [September 15](#) and [October 27](#) for impacted families living in these areas.

## IN THE LOOP

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### Ending Youth Homelessness

Through the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program, HUD is helping communities build systems to end youth homelessness. Four Continuums of Care covering many counties and rural areas in eastern Pennsylvania, Virginia and the Northern Panhandle of West Virginia were awarded funding totaling more than \$12 million. [Learn more.](#)

### Prioritizing Climate Resilience

HUD released its climate adaptation and resilience plan on October 7. "With the Climate Adaptation Plan, HUD is taking an agency-wide approach in prioritizing climate resilience because we cannot put America on the path to building a stronger and more sustainable housing infrastructure without addressing the impacts of climate change," said Secretary Marcia L. Fudge. [Learn more.](#)

### Protecting Tenants From Eviction

HUD has published a rule in the Federal Register that prohibits the eviction of tenants facing eviction for nonpayment of rent from HUD-subsidized public housing and certain properties with project-based rental assistance. During a national emergency, the rule prohibits evictions without a 30-day notice period that includes information about available federal emergency rental assistance. [Submit comments](#) by November 8.

Are you a **RENTER**  
or **LANDLORD** who  
needs **ASSISTANCE**?

Get help **TODAY.**

[www.hud.gov/rent\\_relief](http://www.hud.gov/rent_relief)



## QUICK LINKS

## News You Can Use Now

- [Federal Housing Administration Adds Additional COVID-19 Forbearance Relief Options](#)
- [HUD Announces HBCU Center of Excellence Grants](#)
- [HUD Awards \\$143 Million in Grants to Support Construction and Project Rental Assistance for New Multifamily Housing for Seniors](#)
- [HUD Awards Over \\$15 Million in Research Grants to Reduce Housing-Related Health Hazards](#)
- [On NAHASDA 25th Anniversary, HUD Deputy Secretary Todman, Tribal Leaders, Congressional Leaders Commit to Continued Collaboration](#)
- [Mid-Atlantic Housing Market Conditions](#)
- [Catch Up on HUD's COVID-19 Webinars](#)

## Monthly Child Tax Credit payments are available for families with children!

Monthly payments are available for families through December 2021:



**\$300/month for each child under the age of 6**



**\$250/month for each child age 6-17**

People who have not filed taxes recently and would like to receive the monthly Child Tax payments can use this [tool](#) to sign up.

For flyers and more, visit HUD's [website](#).

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